

MARYLAND COAL COMPANY PAY OFFICE -  
MILLER HOUSE

AL-VI-B-115  
102 West Main Street, Detmold  
1900

The Miller House was constructed at the turn of the century to serve as the Maryland Coal Company Pay Office. The building is a frame structure that is two stories high and three bays wide. Originally, the pay master occupied the second floor while the first floor was taken up by a lobby, the pay office itself and a kitchen.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Maryland Coal Compan Pay Office-Miller House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

102 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Christopher Columbus Miller Adaline Colon Telephone #: 463-5704

STREET &amp; NUMBER

102 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: 14

Folio #: 760

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☒ GOOD            ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR             ☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Maryland Coal Company Pay Office is located at 102 West Main Street, Lonaconing, Allegany County, on the west side of the road and is actually in the village of Detmold.

The building basically consists of a two story, three bay wide, rectangular shaped, frame structure. A one story addition with a hipped roof abuts the main block on the southwest side and is covered with aluminum siding. The entire facade is supported by a high brick foundation with a plain water table, while the walls of the frame structure are covered with the original novelty siding and exhibit plain wall features. The roof of the structure is gabled shaped and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Eaves of the roof feature boxed cornice and frieze, with brackets supporting the soffit. Circular ventilators are placed in each of the gables of the gabled roof. Windows in the structure are all pegged, double hung wooden sash frames and include one-over-one, two-over-two and six-over-two lights with wooden cornices. The main entrance to the structure is located on the front southeast face and exhibits the original, paneled bullet proof door with plain trim. A three bay wide porch is placed on the front southeast side. The porch exhibits a balustrade with Roman Doric capital columns supporting a hipped roof with boxed cornices and entablature. A short stairway leads to the porch and entrance level. Two original corbeled brick chimneys are located on the inside end of the rear and northeast side.

The building is structurally sound however it has been renovated to serve as a residence.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

At the turn of the century, the Miller House served as the Pay Office for the Maryland Coal Company. As the building has two stories, the pay master occupied the second floor while the first floor was taken up with a lobby, the pay office itself and the kitchen. The building still has its original bullet proof door to protect against robbery. In addition, the floor in what use to be the pay office has two worn places from the master's feet as he sat at his desk. <sup>1</sup>

The Maryland Coal Company, which had merged with Central Coal Company in 1870, was one of the largest coal producers in the George's Creek Region. Miners employed by a company like Maryland Coal made approximately \$635.00 per year in 1891

1. Interview with present owener, Mrs. Adeline Conlon, March 17, 1977.
2. Katherine A. Harvey, The Best Dressed Miners. (Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press 1969) p. 62

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegheny County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegheny County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

3/17/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

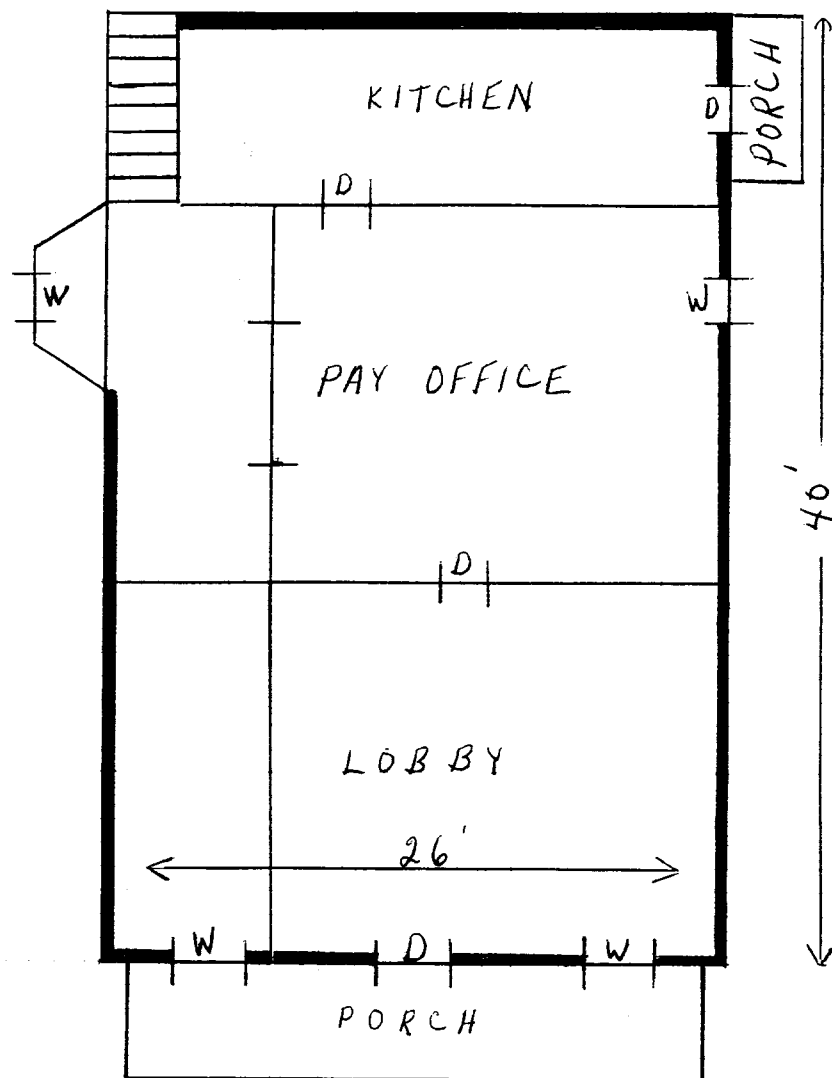
Maryland Coal Company Pay Office  
102 West Main Street, Detmold  
AL-VI-B-115

Allegany County Deed: Will 14, Folio 760  
Grantee: Adaline Conlon Date: May 20, 1976  
Grantor: Bessie V. Miller and Christopher C. Miller  
Notes: Christopher died with out a will in 1952 leaving the estate to  
his wife Bessie V. Miller

Allegany County Deed: Liber 110, Folio 611  
Grantee: Christopher C. Miller Date: August 19, 1912  
Grantor: Maryland Coal Company Consideration: \$1,000.00

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MARYLAND COAL Company Pay Office - Miller House  
102 W. Main St.  
LONACONING



1 Block = 1 Square Ft

DATE: 3/17/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Maryland Coal Company Pay Office-Miller HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: 102 West Main Street (Detmold)DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SoutheastNAME OF OWNER: Christopher Columbus Miller Adaline Colon 463-5704ADDRESS: 102 W. Main StreetLonaconing, Maryland

STORIES: 1( ) 2(X) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(X) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Bay window Lobby  
Pay Office  
KitchenDwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

## WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (X) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, novelty board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS PlainFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(X) 2/2(X) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other(X) 6/2 cornics  
pegged (X) nailed( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South east  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced(X) Bullet proof entrance  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Brackets  
original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,  
ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK(X) STONE( ) CORBELED(X) original(X) replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end(X) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

## COMMENTS:

Use - ResidenceSignificance - Maryland Coal Company Pay Office Jack Petri- Pay MasterDate Constructed - 1900Condition - Good



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Maryland Coal Co. Pay Office

102 West Main St, Lonaconing

USGS Lonaconing Quad

1:24,000

1974 Revised

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AI-VI-B-033

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AI-VI-B-036

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John Nelson

3/17/77

North



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